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SUBJECT: VIET-NAM APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

JAPANESE COUNSELOR KURIYAMA CALLED ON DEPTOFF (MILLER) TODAY TO ASK WHAT U.S. POSITION WOULD BE ON THE VIET-NAM MEMBERSHIP QUESTION WHEN IT CAME UP IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. KURIYAMA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE ISSUE COULD COME UP VERY SOON. DEPTOFF SAID HE COULD NOT ANTICIPATE WHAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE. DURING THE BRIEF ENSUING DISCUSSION, KURIYAMA SAID JAPAN WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE ON TACTICS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL, FOR EXAMPLE, TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING THE QUESTION DEFERRED. DEPTOFF EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE NOT LIKELY TO DEFER THEIR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NOW THAT THEY HAD FORMALLY APPLIED AND HAD HELD PRESS CONFERENCES ON THE SUBJECT. DEPTOFF SUGGESTED THAT THE JAPANESE STAY IN TOUCH WITH USUN. KURIYAMA OBSERVED THAT JAPAN THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNFORTU-
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